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Indiana Commemorates National Crime Victims' Rights Week

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), in partnership with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the National Center for Victims of Crime announced today the upcoming statewide commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW).

NCVRW is an annual event during the month of April, and takes place this year April 10-16. The 2016 theme is titled "Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope."

"This important week reminds crime victims they not only have rights, but there are available services and support for their success all across the state," said ICJI Director Dave Murtaugh. "Working to restore the dignity and security of victims of crime is work of which we are proud to be a part."

Established by the OVC and the National Center for Victims of Crime, NCVRW honors and celebrates the achievements of the past thirty years in securing victims' rights. The bipartisan Victims of Crime Act, passed by Congress in 1984, created a national fund that is backed by the fines and penalties paid by offenders. The Crime Victims Fund supports victim assistance services such as rape crisis and domestic violence programs, and victim compensation programs that pay for counseling, funeral expenses and lost wages

ICJI's Victim Services division administers the federal dollars through grants to service providers throughout the state. In 2015, ICJI awarded nearly \$32 million in federal funding to over 430 organizational grant recipients. These programs helped more than 205,000 victims of crime.

For more information on NCVRW, please visit: <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/>. For a list of events honoring NCVRW, broken down by county, please click [here](#). To learn more about Indiana's statewide resources available to assist victims of crime, please visit: www.IN.gov/CJI, and click on the victim services link.

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